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SAM ACTIVITY NEAR SAROVA, USSR

Sarova is situated in the central uplands region of the USSR, approximately 80 nautical miles (nm) south of Gorkiy and 200 nm east-southeast of Moscow.

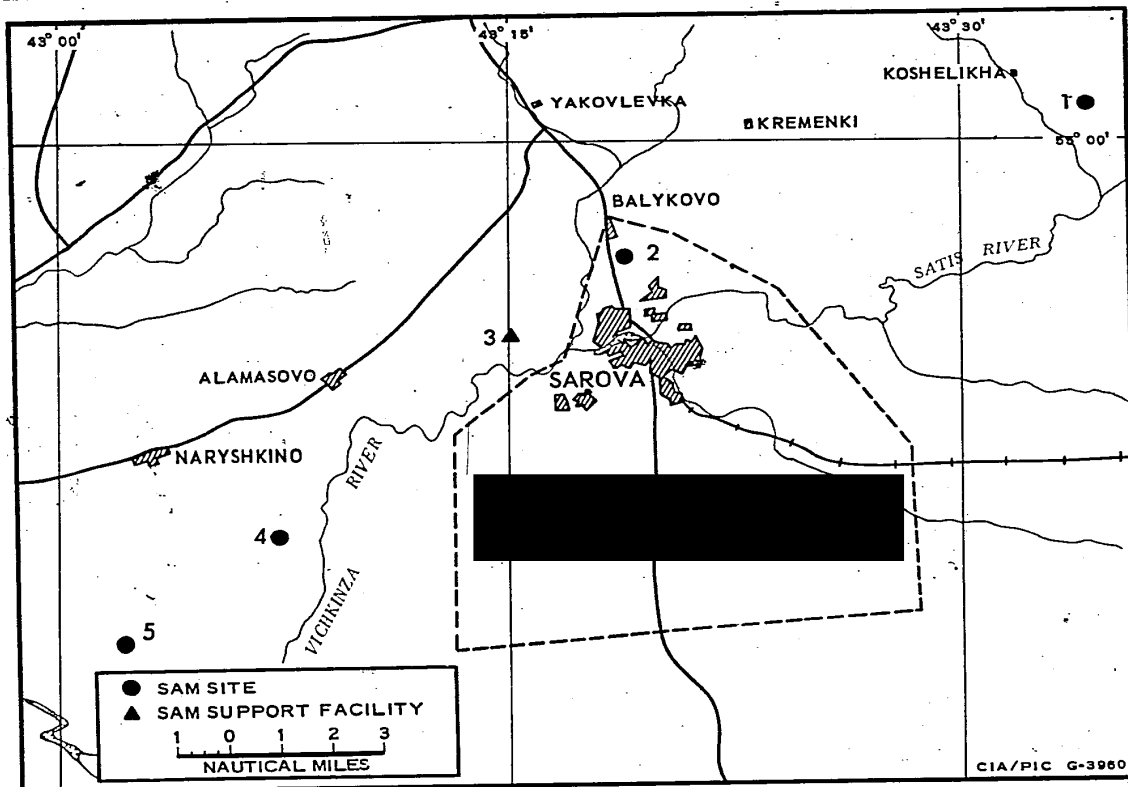
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KEYHOLE photography of [REDACTED] reveals four SAM launch sites and one SAM support facility positioned for the defense of the Sarova complex (see Figure 1). Two of the launch sites (items 4 and 5) and the support facility (item 3) were previously identified on TALENT photography of [REDACTED]. All these installations lie generally along a northeast-southwest axis, the center of which is just north of Sarova.



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FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF SAM ACTIVITY, SAROVA, USSR.

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This deployment pattern has not heretofore been observed at SAM-defended areas in the USSR.

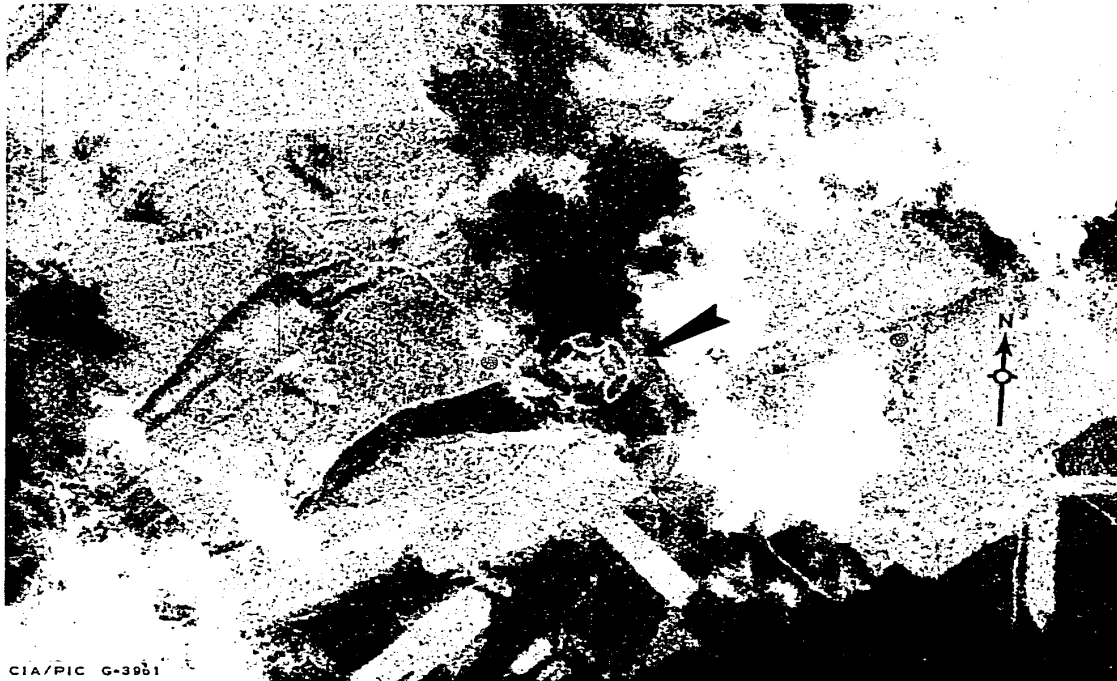
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The Sarova complex, which is approximately 10 nm square, was 30-40 percent covered by scattered clouds on the [REDACTED] photography. Existence of additional SAM activity in the area could not be determined. Further interpretation of the installations identified was precluded by photo scale.

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The reference point (RP) used in this brief is the geographic center of Sarova, [REDACTED] 54-55-30N 43-19-30E.

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FIGURE 2. SAM LAUNCH SITE 10 NM NE OF SAROVA (see Fig 1, item 1).

Coordinates: 55-01N 43-34E.

Location: In a wooded area one nm southeast of Koshelikha village and approximately 10 nm northeast of RP.

Remarks: The site appears complete and operational. Loop-type roads and a circular road serve the launch revetments and three missile-hold revetments. A support area is adjacent to the operations area on the west. No security fencing is discernible.

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Photography: [REDACTED]



FIGURE 3. SAM LAUNCH SITE 2 NM NNW OF SAROVA (see Fig 1, item 2).

Coordinates: 54-57N 43-19E.

Location: In a cleared area just south of Balykovo village and 2 nm north-northwest of RP.

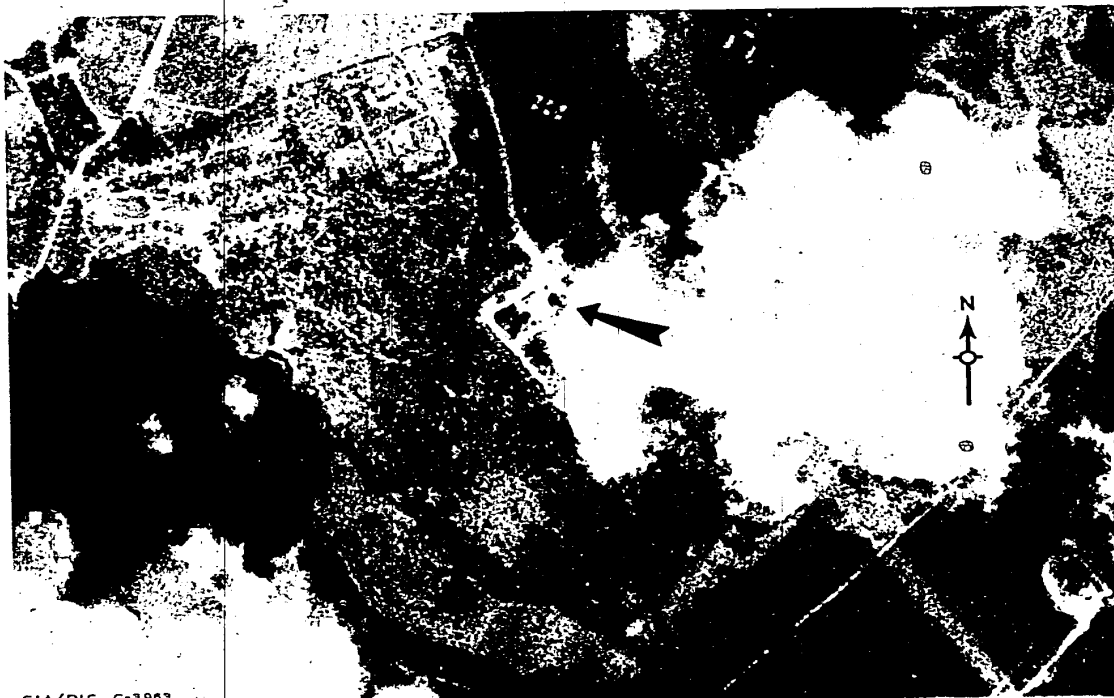
Remarks: The site appears complete and operational. The six launch revetments and the missile-hold revetments are served by a network of loop roads and a circular road. A support area is just northeast of the operations area. A road leads from the site to Balykovo. No security fencing is discernible.

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Photography: [REDACTED]

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FIGURE 4. SAM SUPPORT FACILITY 2.5 NM W OF SAROVA (see Fig 1, item 3).

Coordinates: 54-55N 43-16E.

Location: Approximately 2.5 nm west of RP.

Remarks: This facility was previously reported as complete and operational on the basis of analysis of TALENT photography of [REDACTED] 2/ On the Mission [REDACTED] photography, the facility is approximately 60 percent cloud covered and cannot be interpreted in detail. Structures visible include the drive-through initial assembly-checkout building and two other drive-through checkout buildings.

Photography: [REDACTED]

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FIGURE 5. SAM LAUNCH SITE 8 NM SW OF SAROVA (see Fig 1, item 4).

Coordinates: 54-51N 43-07E.

Location: Approximately one nm west of the Vichkinza River in a pre-dominantly agricultural area, 8 nm southwest of RP.

Remarks: The site appears complete and operational. It was identified on [REDACTED] TALENT photography 3/, at which time it was under construction. The [REDACTED] coverage shows that the six launch revetments are complete and are connected to the circular road and missile-hold revetments by a series of link or loop roads. A support area is adjacent to the operations area on the southeast. The operations area is enclosed by an irregular board fence.

Photography: [REDACTED]

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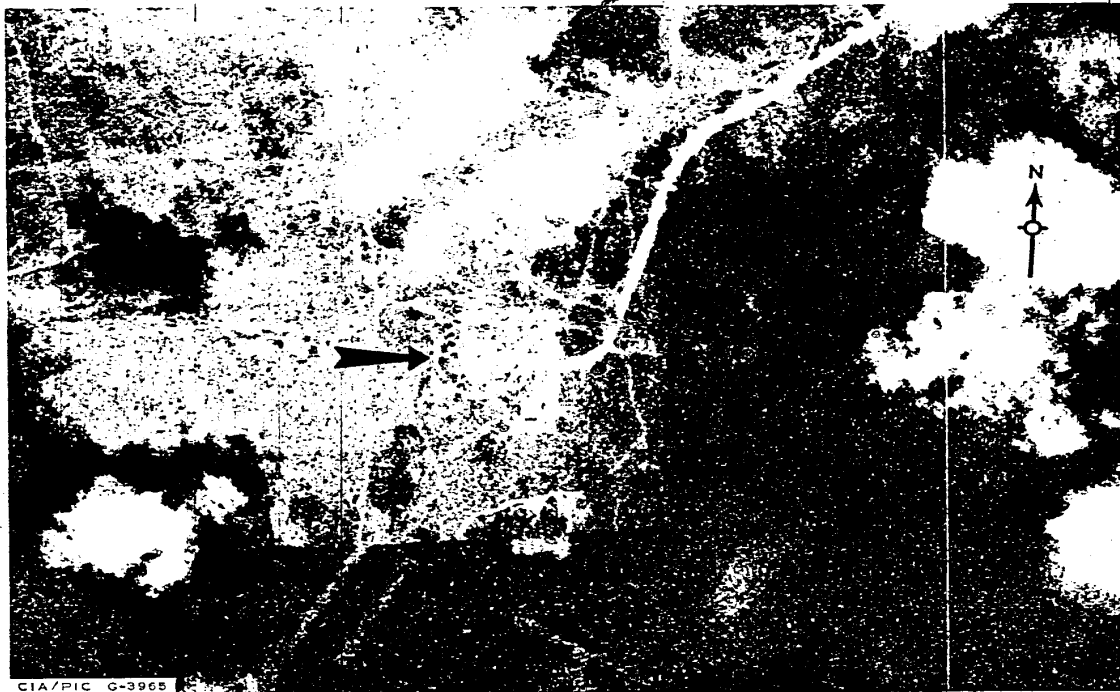


FIGURE 6. SAM LAUNCH SITE 12 NM SW OF SAROVA (see Fig 1, item 5).

Coordinates: 54-49N 43-02E.

Location: Just north of the Moksha River on the edge of a wooded area, 12 nm southwest of RP.

25X1D Remarks: The site is complete and operational. It was previously identified on [REDACTED] TALENT photography. 4/ No changes are apparent in the operations or support areas.

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